

CAUSE NO. _____

GUARDIANSHIP OF	§	PROBATE COURT
	§	
	§	NUMBER ONE
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INCAPACITATED ADULT	§	HARRIS COUNTY

ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 646 and Section 867 of the Texas Probate Code, the Court finds it proper to appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of the person named in the heading of this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that _____, an attorney licensed to practice before this Court, phone number _____, and fax number _____, is appointed as attorney ad litem to represent the interests of the Proposed Ward and shall pursuant to Section 647 of the Texas Probate Code perform the following:

1. Interview the Proposed Ward within a reasonable time before hearing;
2. Discuss with the Proposed Ward to the greatest extent possible the following:
 - a. the law and facts of the case;
 - b. the proposed wards legal options regarding the disposition of the case; and
 - c. the grounds on which the guardianship is sought;
3. Review the application for guardianship, certificates of current physical, medical, and intellectual examinations, and all of the Proposed Wards medical, psychological, and intellectual testing records;
4. If applicable, review the proposal to establish a management trust and determine if the establishment of such a trust is in the best interest of the ward;
5. Represent the proposed ward at the hearing described in section 685 of the Texas Probate Code.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 646 of the Texas Probate Code and pursuant to HIPAA Regulations 45 CFR 164.512(e)(1)(i), that the Health Care Organization or Physician presented with this Order shall give the Attorney Ad Litem complete access to Proposed Ward’s Protected Health Information including, but not limited to, medical records, psychological records and intellectual testing records that are dated within the last 12 months from the date of this Order and up to and including Protected Health Information to the present date that this Order is presented.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-appointed Attorney Ad Litem shall be given complete access to Proposed Ward’s financial records including, but not limited to, records of all bank accounts, investment accounts, retirement and employee benefit accounts, and credit and debt records.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____

Judge Presiding